

LEMPSTER Conservation Commission Meeting  
May 3, 2023 @ Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

Members present: Mindy, Lynda, John, Phil, Rachel, Scott, Robin as alternate.

Guests: the Gildner-blinns

Secretary's report: accepted as read

Treasurer's report: \$18,556.57 balance

- River Road: Lynda is meeting at the bridge with an engineer this Saturday at 10am if anyone is interested in joining them. Phil spoke with the owner of Village Forge, who built the retaining wall/wharf at Long Pond. He may be interested in the bridge project.
- Grants: none at this time
- Trails: Mindy, Lynda and Robin flagged a trail from Moose Trail to the Long Pond beach parking area. We will need a chainsaw in some areas, and possibly gravel at the start of the trail off the road. We will need to name the trail when completed.
- Intent to cut: one permit from Stetsons
- Orchard at Earl's Lane: We have met with several people this year. The latest, neither Mr Conway nor Mr Clifford responded with a quote. There have been 2 actual bids given to us, one from Mr Heino and another from Mr Magnusson. Mr. Magnusson, who the commission met with at the orchard, sent a proposed plan and bid quote. After a discussion a vote was taken to accept his proposed plan and bid quote. He will begin clearing dead wood this spring, do pruning in the fall, and then begin a maintenance program. He will camp out on the property during each phase.
- Signage: the no parking and the park here signs have been placed near the trails on Long Pond Road. Mindy made a motion to buy another no parking sign, and the group voted in agreement.
- Long Pond and Dodge Pond: After a week of rain the water is still high at Dodge Pond. The Long Pond Wharf has been completed and looks great. Lynda said her husband has offered to put rings along the wharf so people can tie up their boat while parking their vehicle and boat trailer. Phil will contact the selectmen for permission to see if and when that can be done, and will let Lynda know.
- Educational programs: Robin has not been able to contact the photographer.
- National Trails Day, Saturday June 3rd: Lynda will post info on Facebook town site, and will ask for it to be posted on the town's website too. It will be from 10am to 1pm so we voted to spend up to \$250 on a sandwich platter and bottles of water.
- Any other old business: we voted to pay to place a porta potty at Duck Pond parking, and to go halves with the Trailblazers ATV club to pay for a porta potty at Earl's Lane parking up at the Orchard.

**New Business:**

- Education opportunities: Rachel shared fliers received through email about a May 3rd 7-8pm webinar "Dragonflies and Damselflies in NH Waters" and a May 15th "2023 Lakes Congress"

- Future plans for the Orchard area may include creating it as a park. Next year we may look into putting some picnic tables, disc traps, and a horseshoes pit as some possibilities.
- Any other new business: Roadside cleanup date was set for Wednesday May 31st at 4:30pm. We will clean 2nd NH Turnpike from Lempster Street to Route 10, and if we get enough volunteers we can do other roadsides. School kids might want to do School Road. Rachel will post on Facebook and ask if it can be advertised on the town website. She will also contact Jim Lewis at the school.

Date of next meeting: June 7

Meeting adjourned at: 5:26 pm